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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Tatsuya OHAHSI, et al.

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FOR: RESERVOIR THAT A BRACKET IS INTEGRATED WITH

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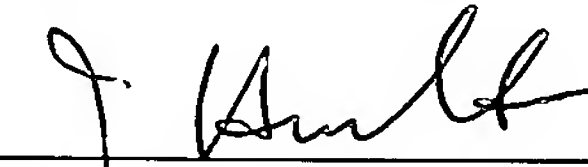
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**STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY**

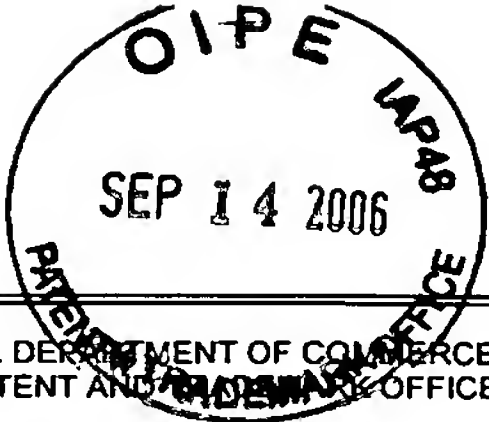
Reference AO on PTO Form 1449: The Abstract thereof reads as follows:

[Purpose] Application of a vertical elastic force prevents a connection from ill-fitting condition, even if a dovetail groove 21 is deformed so as to loosen the connection because of a long term use.

[Structure] A bracket 2 has dovetail grooves 21 that are downwardly narrowed. The resin tank 1 has a fitting portion 11 that forms tapers corresponding to the dovetail grooves 21. The upper points of the fitting portion have stopper portions 13 that touch the upper points of the dovetail grooves 21. Around the bottom, the fitting portion 11 has a fixing portion 12 that engages a hook portion 31 of a clip 3. The clip 3 exists between the bracket 2 and the resin tank so as to always apply an elastic force to the stopper portions 13 and the fixing portion 12.

[Effect] The fitting portion 11 is prevented from an ill-fitting condition, because of the function of the elastic force of the hook portion 31 engaging the fix portion 12 and also the function of the stopper portions 13.

The relevance of reference AO and that of reference AP is as discussed in page 1 of 2 of the specification of the present application.



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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	AO	6-16172	3/1/1994	Japan		X
	AP	8-258668	10/8/1996	Japan with English abstract		X
	AQ	DE 100 11 944 A1	9/13/2001	Germany with English abstract		X
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